GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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COVERAGE OF THE POOR UNDER IAY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of villages which have extremely poor and backward inhabitants without SCs/STs have not been covered under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a)to (c) The Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) guidelines provide, inter alia, that a maximum 40% of the total IAY allocation during a year could be utilized for construction/upgradation of dwelling units for non SC/ST BPL rural households and at least 60% for SC/ST BPL rural households. The funds are allocated to the States/Districts giving due weightage to housing shortage and poverty ratio at State level and housing shortage and SC/ST population at District level. The District Panchayat/Zilla Panchayat/District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) on the basis of allocations made and targets fixed, decide the number of houses to be constructed/upgraded Panchayat wise under IAY, during a particular financial year. A Statement showing the State-wise funds utilized and houses constructed for non-SC/ST households during the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 is at Annexure.